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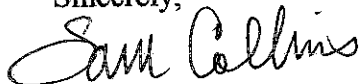
Dear Commissioner Gendron:

The following is an update on the progress that our Regional Planning Committee is making towards the development of a school consolidation plan for the communities/school systems of Caribou, Limestone, Caswell, SAD #20 (Fort Fairfield), Westmanland, Woodland, Stockholm and New Sweden. Although our planning efforts were halted due to the consideration of changes in the school consolidation law by the legislature, we have resumed meeting and are working to meet the deadlines required for our schools to become a consolidated unit by July 1, 2009.

At our first meeting since the adjournment of the legislature on May 14, 2008, the committee discussed changes in the school consolidation law and considered submitting a request to the Department of Education to study the facilities in our region. The committee also met on June 3, 2008 to consider the pros and cons of organizing as a Regional School Unit (RSU) or as an Alternative Organization Structure (AOS).

The committee will decide which organizational structure to choose at our next RPC meeting scheduled for June 19, 2008. Following that decision we will continue the planning process, working in subcommittees to develop the components of our school consolidation plan at our subsequent meeting scheduled for June 26, 2008.

Sincerely,



Sam Collins
RPC Co-Chair



Andrew McNeally
RPC Co-Chair